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USE WITH AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

STATUS INQUIRY

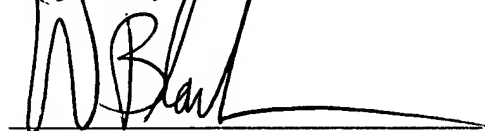
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Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, the last communication received from the Patent And Trademark Office was an Updated Filing Receipt dated 13 July 2004. Accordingly, because this application was filed 02 December 2003, over sixteen months ago, applicant hereby urgently requests that the Patent And Trademark Office advise applicant's undersigned attorney as to the status of the first office action.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested. An extra copy of this Status Inquiry is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

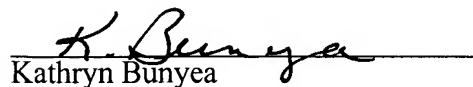


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